

"They're all mine and I love every one of them," says Morgan.

Years ago the Morgans had known Mary Thomas in a little Pennsylvania village. Morgan and his family moved to Akron and later Mary Thomas came seeking work. Mrs. Morgan gave her shelter and together they did the household work. About three years ago Mary Thomas disappeared from the Morgan home. Mrs. Morgan was at a loss to guess the cause for her departure until—

"I told her," says Morgan, a strong man of 42, "where Mary was; that she was in a hospital at Pittsburg; that she was about to become a mother and that I was responsible for her condition. My guilt lay heavy on my soul, and I made a clean breast of it to my wife, the best little woman who ever lived."

"My husband had sinned," declared Mrs. Morgan, adding, "when one sins one must atone for his sin. And I was his wife, so why shouldn't I do what I could to aid."

That was why she took Mary Thomas and her baby in—because her husband was responsible for the young woman's shame and sorrow and she would do her utmost to right the wrong.

Nearly three years went by, and again Mary Thomas went away, and again the big, brawny husband confessed his sin to the little, sorrowing wife, who again forgave him—and not only that, but sent for the young mother and the new baby.

"I never would have gone back," Mary Thomas said, "never, never in the world, if Mrs. Morgan hadn't asked me to."

The eight children were reared together as one big family, the two mothers did the household work, and Morgan divided his affections among them, much as the old Mormon prophets were supposed to have done—until the neighbors interfered and notified the authorities. Now it is possible that Morgan will be indicted by the grand jury and the smaller children placed in institutions.

USES OF SODA

There are many uses for carbonate of soda or baking soda. A small pinch put into milk as soon as it arrives will keep it good for two or three days. It is also an excellent remedy for burns and scalds if it is slightly dampened and the surface of the burn covered with it. Used in the same manner it will instantly relieve the pain caused by the bites or stings of insects. A saltspoonful in half a tumbler of water will relieve heartburn and indigestion, and if taken in tepid water the last thing at night will often induce sleep.

She—You must see papa, dear, about our marriage. But don't be anxious about the outcome.

He—What I'm anxious about is the income.

Blinks—So you called him a black sheep. What did he say?
Blonks—Bah!